

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Heiko MAAS, et al.

SERIAL NO: New Application

FILED: Herewith

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SURFACTANT ALCOHOLS AND SURFACTANT ALCOHOL ETHERS, THE PREPARED PRODUCTS AND THEIR USE

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/868,340, filed June 18, 2001, and originally filed as International PCT No. PCT/EP99/10237 filed December 21, 1999 is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Germany	198 59 911.0	December 23, 1998

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/EP99/10237, filed December 21, 1999. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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